

Yellow Medicine County Board Minutes

April 11, 2006

Chairman Lynn Anderson called this regular meeting to order at 9:03 AM with Commissioners Louis Sherlin, Gary Johnson, Jane Remiger, and Ron Antony present. Administrator John Chattin and Matt Gilmore of the Granite Falls Advocate Tribune were also present.

04-11-06-01 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve the agenda with the addition of a proposal from Vetter Johnson Architects, an invoice from Entrepreneur's Assistance Network, and a request by an AFLAC agent. Carried.

04-11-06-02 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to approve the consent agenda consisting of the March 28, 2006 regular meeting minutes, Fund Equity Reserves and Designations, and an Additional Appropriation Request. Carried.

Mr. Sherlin reported on Western Mental Health Center, Western Revolving Loan Fund, Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects, and Prairie Waters. Mr. Johnson discussed SWCD, Meth Task Force, Prairie Five CAC, Region 6W Community Corrections, and Circle Sentencing. Ms. Remiger gave updates on Pact 4 and the Minnesota Machinery Museum.

Midge Christianson, Region 6W Community Corrections Director, reviewed 2005 statistics with the Board as well as some positive 2005 Outcome Measures.

Bill Schuna, DNR Assistant Area Wildlife Manager, and two additional DNR officials were present to discuss a proposal to drain Curtis Lake to promote winterkill of undesirable fish and encourage the growth of aquatic vegetation. There were ten or more citizens present on this topic. Several spoke in favor of the project. A public hearing would need to be held on the project.

04-11-06-03 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to draft a letter supporting the Curtis Lake project and set a public hearing on a date recommended by the DNR. Carried.

Lou Ann Nagel, SWCD District Manager, reviewed agency accomplishments for 2005. There was a discussion on the need for buffer strips along ditches.

04-11-06-04 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to approve a letter supporting buffer strips/filter strips in Yellow Medicine County. Carried.

Kay Zempel, County Recorder, reviewed her request for a salary adjustment. She asked that her position be included in the non-union pay plan implementation. There was discussion as to why elected department heads had been excluded from that plan with consensus that they should remain separate. The average Recorder's salary in 2005 in seven neighboring counties was \$49,557. Adding 3% for 2006 would suggest a \$51,044 average.

04-11-06-05 Motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Remiger to set the County Recorder's salary at \$49,500 for 2006. The motion failed with Mr. Antony, Mr. Sherlin, and Mr. Anderson voting against the motion.

04-11-06-06 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to set the Recorder's salary at \$51,044 effective January 1, 2006. Carried, with Mr. Johnson opposed.

Engineer Andy Sander and General Foreman Larry Stoks discussed needed summer help.

04-11-06-07 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to approve advertising for temporary summer positions. Carried.

Mr. Sander noted that the Highway 3 project will be done as two separate projects and not as one, due to funding restrictions. He hoped to advertise the project soon.

04-11-06-08 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to approve advertising the Highway 3 project as soon as plans are approved. Carried.

04-11-06-09 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Ms. Remiger to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the County of Yellow Medicine desires to construct the following County State-Aid Project: Project No. S.A.P. 87-603-26

AND, WHEREAS, said County is prepared to proceed with the construction of said project and agrees to provide local funds to supplement the available funds in the County Regular Account, and

WHEREAS, repayment of the funds so advanced by the County is desired in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 162.08, Subd. 5, 6, & 7 and Minnesota Rules 8820.1500, Subp. 8.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Commissioner of Transportation be and is hereby requested this basis for financing said construction projects and to authorize repayments from subsequent Account, in the amounts as herein indicated. (Note: Amounts shown are estimated percentages)

100% from 2007 Allotment (Regular Account)

Carried.

A proposed new road in Clarkfield was discussed as well as some updates.

Sheriff Bill Flaten presented a resolution allowing him to apply for a grant.

04-11-06-10 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Sherlin to adopt the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the Yellow Medicine County Sheriff's Office may enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Enforcement, for the project "Off Highway Vehicle Safety Grant Program" during the period from March 15, 2005 through June 30, 2007. Bill Flaten, Sheriff of Yellow Medicine County, is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the Yellow Medicine County Sheriff's Office.

Carried.

04-11-06-11 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Ms. Remiger to approve the hiring of Randy Lavoie, Douglas Hodge, and Michael Dann as part-time Deputy Sheriffs. Carried.

04-11-06-12 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Antony to adopt the Yellow Medicine County Park Ordinance, as presented, and order its summary publication. Carried.

Ms. Remiger reviewed a resolution forwarded by AMC that would dedicate vehicle sales tax. No action was taken on the resolution.

04-11-06-13 Motion by Mr. Antony and second by Mr. Johnson to approve Commissioner's Warrants totaling \$63,437.41 and acknowledge review of Auditor's Warrants totaling \$24,985.86. Carried.

Mr. Sherlin noted that an AFLAC agent has requested time in the courthouse to visit with prospective clients. The Board asked that he make a presentation detailing his request.

Ms. Remiger reported on Finance Committee, a meeting on the Pioneer Power campsite, and an AMC Legislative Steering Committee meeting. Mr. Antony reviewed Creative Solutions Committee issues. Mr. Anderson discussed a Lyon County Regional Landfill meeting and shared some correspondence.

An invoice from the Entrepreneur's Assistance Network for \$5,000 was not entertained as they were previously told to seek 2007 funding this fall.

A proposal from Vetter Johnson Architects for concept/feasibility studies of a

possible jail/courts addition was considered. Phase I would include a building survey as well as development of a building program, preliminary concept plans, and preliminary cost estimates.

04-11-06-14 Motion by Ms. Remiger and second by Mr. Antony to approve proceeding with Phase I of the Vetter Johnson proposal at a not-to-exceed cost of \$15,400. Carried.

04-11-06-15 Motion by Mr. Sherlin and second by Mr. Antony to adjourn at 1:13 PM. Carried.

Witness:

Lynn Anderson, Chairman

Attest:

Carolyn Sherlin, Auditor/Treasurer